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ACCESSION OF GEORGIA

Request for accession pursuant to Article XII

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

On behalf of the Government of Georgia I have the honour to convey to you the request that Georgia be admitted to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and to be given full and equal member status in this organization.

In this connection the Georgian side is ready to begin consultations and negotiations with the WTO Members on this subject and is applying in pursuance of Article XII of the WTO Agreement.

Georgia strongly intends to pursue further the reform process in its economy, foreign trade and customs duties. The main objective of our economic strategy is the creation of an open market economy.

The request for accession submitted by Georgia will be considered by the General Council at its meeting on 17 July 1996.